

BRYAN K. SMITH

Bryan K. Smith serves as the Director of the Space Flight Systems Directorate at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland, Ohio. In this position, he is responsible for managing Glenn's activities that include significant roles in the Agency's Exploration Systems, Space Shuttle, International Space Station, and Human Research and Science Programs. He assumed this position on January 16, 2011.

Prior to his current position, Smith served as Chief of the Systems Engineering and Analysis Division, which provides engineering expertise for Glenn projects. For over 20 years, Smith has worked at Glenn on multiple spacecraft and technology programs in a variety of capacities. He began his career at Rockwell International as a manufacturing systems engineer and production supervisor working on military aircraft.

Since joining Glenn in 1987, his first assignments were lead for design and test activities to develop the International Space Station power system. He then served as a launch vehicle mission manager where he was responsible for the integration, procurement and upgrades of medium class launch vehicles.

After completing a 2-year program executive assignment at NASA's Headquarters, Smith returned to Glenn to lead the Project Management Branch of the Space Transportation Office. He then became chief of Glenn's Nuclear Technology and Demonstration Project Office, leading the development of power and propulsion systems for interplanetary spacecraft.

He later served as chief of Glenn's Crew Exploration Vehicle Project Office, supporting NASA's Space Exploration Programs and Chief Engineer for the Agency level NASA Engineering Safety Center.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and master's degrees in engineering from Cleveland State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Smith is the recipient of a NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Update 3/12